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Application Number	09/392,270
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First Named Inventor	Poirier et al.
Art Unit	3726 #17/RCE
Examiner Name	Trinh Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	1-21036

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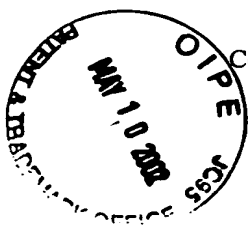
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JASON A. POIRIER et al.

Serial No. 09/392,270

Filed: September 9, 1999

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING A
VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY

Group Art Unit 3726

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Final Rejection dated July 27, 2001, the Examiner noted a provisional double patenting rejection. The provisional double patenting rejection will be addressed if necessary.

The rejected Claims 1 through 7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art as set forth in the specification. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 defines the invention as a method for manufacturing a vehicle frame component that includes the steps of providing a workpiece, performing a scanning heat treatment process on the workpiece in a continuous and longitudinal manner from